GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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AGRI EXPORT ZONES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to review the policy on Agri Export Zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas identified for agricultural export under Agri Export Zone Policy;

(d) the targets set have been achieved since the inception of the above policy;

(e) whether the Government has advised the Federation of Indian Export Organisation to study and strategies for the agriculture/other items exports with a focus on processed food;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

g) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to address the infrastructure problem for agri export?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)& (b) No, Sir. There is no proposal to review the Agri Export Zone policy. A peer evaluation of the performance of the existing Agri Export Zones(AEZs) with a view to ascertain the reasons for shortfall in achievement of targets and suggest remedial action has been carried out.

(c) 60 Agri Export Zones have been set up in 20 States. The areas identified for export in these AEZs are given in the annexure.

(d) The projected and actual investments and estimated and actual of the under AEZs are given below:

(Rupees in Crore)

	Projected/Estimated	Actual
Investment	1717.95	859.46
Exports	1821.47	5353.85

(Source: APEDA)

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority(APEDA) under its Scheme for Infrastructure Development provides financial assistance to the state governments, public sector undertakings and exporters registered with it for setting up of infrastructure projects including centers of perishable cargo at international airports, wholesale market cum auction centers, common infrastructure facilities for handling fresh fruits and vegetables etc. It has also been decided to support export infrastructure projects in the AEZs with funds from the scheme of Department of Commerce for Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development.